

Mainstream



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"Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me."

We have all heard it, but I can tell you this, it is a lie. My bones can be broken and heal. But words? Words have the power to leave wounds you and I cannot see. They leave wounds that can be wide open for days, weeks or even years and many times even if they do heal, they leave scars that never seem to go away. Words hurt.

And one place where our words are having a dramatic impact, particularly among our younger generation, is online social media. For whatever reason, people who would normally keep unkind and hateful words to themselves seem to think that they can speak those words in abundance online with no real remorse at all.

PROVERBS 11:12 says, *"A man who lacks judgement derides his neighbour, but a man of understanding holds his tongue."*

Perhaps in today's context we could add, "A man of understanding holds his fingers."

EPHESIANS 4:29 says, *"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."*

How would your conversations change, both online and offline, face to face as well as when you are hidden behind the privacy of your computer, if you truly applied **Ephesians 4:29** to your life? I dare say that it would go a long, long way to fulfilling the command of Christ to love one another as he has loved us.

ANDREW

Worship With Us

Welcome to church today. If you are a visitor we offer you a special welcome. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us. Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee in the hall following the morning service.

Today, Sunday 18th January, 2015

10.00 am Andrew Tonkin
Me and My Big Mouth (2)

Worship Leader Matthew Cameron
Communion Leader Robyn Hawtin

6.00 pm Andrew Tonkin
Me and My Big Mouth (2)

Worship Leader Brendan Moritz

Next Week, 25th January

10.00 am Andrew Tonkin
&
6.00 pm

Grand Opening & Dedication of our New Building February 21st & 22nd

Saturday evening - Dessert & Coffee Night

David Ratten & Neale Meredith
Bring along a plate of dessert to share
Crêche provided

Sunday Service & Dedication

Invited Guests, including Simon Risson, Paul Cameron,
Julie and Blair Davis
Catered Lunch - Bookings essential
Tickets available soon.
A Love Offering will be taken.

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL



Family News & Prayer



- * Continue in prayer for Marianne Haigh in hospital as her second knee replacement begins to heal.
- * Pray for others who are ill and who may be hospitalised.
- * “I have just received a letter from a 78 year old cancer sufferer who received one of our gifts from the Angel Tree. She was diagnosed with 10 brain tumours in April 2014 and so has had a tough year. Her letter starts off with,
‘Dear Ladies Church of Christ, Just taken the chance to say thank you for the lovely Christmas gift. The useful thing certainly won’t be thrown into a cupboard and left for ages.’
She went on to describe her journey, as I said, it has been a hard year for her, but this small gift from one of you has helped her tremendously.
Thank you so much for your generosity, yet again.
Diane Morrall’

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, March 1st

Voting for Elders and Deacons - February 8th & 15th
Report Booklet out - February 8th

Reports Please There are quite a few reports missing from the office for the booklet. If you are the leader of a group, and this means all bible study groups, then we expect a report to be written, please.

Nominations for Elders and Deacons and any Notices of Motion should be in the Secretary’s hands by 1st February. Please speak to Andrew or one of the Elders if you wish to nominate someone. Notices of Motion will not be received at the AGM.

Those Elders and Deacons who have completed their terms and are available for re-nomination are:

Elders	Wayne Whitehead Michael Waters
Deacons	Kaye Underwood - Women’s Ministry Joshua Cole - Youth Ministry Jeanie Kelly - Pastoral Care Ministry Brendan Moritz - Worship Ministry

GLOBAL MISSION PARTNERS

The Internally Displaced Persons and the leadership of Churches of Christ in Aweil, South Sudan, came up with the initiative of constructing a church using local materials. The Apanda Church of Christ was officially opened on Sunday, 9th November, 2014. Many new members are coming to church with high expectations that God's Word, love, hope, mercy and blessing will come forth. Currently, there are 70 members. One of the men is blind. He came with hope that God will help him. We will try our best to find time and reach the suffering, so that we extend our support to them.

The IDP population is estimated to be 5000 people. The local people and local authority have appreciated the good work done by the Church of Christ.

The IDP leaders have requested health support in terms of medical, hygiene and sanitation programs. This would include constructing public toilets and buying medications on a quarterly basis so that we can offer a small first aid program.

Help wanted:

There are many small jobs around the church to be completed. If you can help in any way, please speak to Michael and he will let you know what you can do.

The **My Story** books quickly sold last Sunday. Andrew will be using this new Bible for the sermons commencing on 1st March. We would like every family to have a copy before the series commences. They will be on sale again today for the cost of \$25.

New Ways to Serve

The Elders have decided to continue to pay Mark Sutherland as our cleaner for the hall, kitchen, entrance and foyers. We have volunteers who have offered to clean the two toilet blocks. Two other ladies have offered to vacuum and we ask that they assist with the chapel cleaning on the roster.

Rostered chapel cleaners are asked to vacuum not only the chapel but also the crèche and new hallway.

All other rooms should be made clean and tidy by those who are using them. Please ask the office staff about cleaning equipment. If we all attend to the cleanliness of our buildings then our rooms will look as they are for a long time.



This Week

Sunday	18th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
		7.30 pm	Evening Café
Monday	19th	7.30 pm	Board Meeting



Church Café

Sunday January 18th

Charlotte Armstrong

Brianna & Kaitlyn Moritz, Wendy Cochrane, Elise Moore

ANNUAL TRASH AND TREASURE HALL AND LANE SALE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7th
8 am - 2 pm

We need to clean out our garage to re-build it.
Perhaps it's time to clean out your garage too?

All available helpers needed -
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday



Throughout the Gospels we are repeatedly told that after some word or deed of Jesus "his disciples believed in him". The point of this statement is not that up to that point they had no faith, but rather that their faith deepened with the passage of time. To believe in God is more than simply to profess God's existence; it is to enter into communion with God and - the two being inseparable - with our fellow human beings as well. All this adds up to a process.

-Gustavo Gutierrez

NEXT WEEK, 25th January

<u>10.00 am</u>	J. Cole
Worship Leader	I. Fabich
Communion Leader	D. Morrall
Children's Church	No Children's Church
Singers	D. Mountford, D. Clark, R. Jackson
Band	N. Moritz, I. Fabich, C. Waters
Projector/Sound	A. Fabich / J. Armstrong
Officer on Duty	A. Munro
Welcome/Reception	J. Cooke / B. Eaton
Helpers	W. duke, M. Straub, P. Duscher, J. Wiffen, P. Leng, J. Renfree, G. Beruldsen
Crèche	R. Broad, L. Alabaster
Cuppa	J. Bradford, R. Witcombe, B. Witcombe
Communion Prep.	C. Waters
Cleaning / Grounds	J. Cole, W. Duke / G. Hughes, P. Booysen
<u>6.00 pm</u>	J. Cole
Worship Leader	S. Armstrong Prayer Leader D. Morrall
Singers	J. Gardner, A. Gray
Band	A. Alabaster, R. Jemmeson, I. Fabich, J. Tonkin
Projector/Sound	T. Eaton / J. Armstrong
Officer on Duty	A. Munro
Reception	C. Waters
Crèche	J. Cooke

After a formal dinner a bishop was approached by one of the waitresses, who shyly asked him to autograph a menu. He did so and prefaced the signature with the customary small cross. After he handed back the menu, the waitress whispered, "And thanks for the wee kiss, my Lord."

A young clergyman had preached what he thought was an outstanding sermon. He asked one of the older members of the congregation whether he enjoyed it. "No, I did not," replied the old man in a very firm tone. "What was wrong with it?" asked the clergyman, rather taken aback.

"In the first place, it was read. In the second place, it was not read well. In the third place, it wasn't worth reading."

A little girl, whose church did not have a choir, was taken by her mother to a neighbouring church where there was a surpliced choir. She whispered in dismay to her mother, "They're not all going to preach, are they?"

